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GARDEN TO BE PERENNIALLY BEAUTIFUL

The Board of Trustees of the California Arboretum Foundation has announced receipt of a gift from the estate of F. L. Kallam which will allow the establishing of the Grace V. Kallam garden.

The garden, which will take shape in the Meadowbrook area is expected to be in the manner of Mrs. Kallam's home garden she so lovingly cared for during her lifetime.

Grace's enthusiasm and vast knowledge of horticulture proved invaluable as she served as president of the Southern California Iris Society, secretary of the Los Angeles Garden Club, and president of the Little Garden Club of Pasadena. She was awarded honorary Life Membership in the Southern California Iris Society in appreciation of her extensive contributions which included representing this society at California Garden Clubs, Inc. at the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum. The many hours of volunteer work in the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum library warranted her the California Garden Clubs, Inc. award of "Certificate of Achievement" for perfection in the State Librarian and Garden Center.

Estate gifts have been important to the California Arboretum Foundation and have been responsible for many important additions to the gardens.

MAGNOLIA — Tree, shrub with white flowers
Meadowbrook & Historical Area

BLOOM CALENDAR FOR ARBORETUM

Australian Section	— Eucalyptus trees are showing yellow or red flowers — Acacia tree covered with yellow flowers
Meadowbrook Section	— Magnolia Tree with white flowers — Oriental Magnolia with lavender/white flowers — Prunus — Japanese Flowering Apricot
Tallac Knoll	— Pseudobombax — Tree with white flowers

This is a season not to be missed at the Arboretum. Old favorites as Wisteria, Callistemon (bottlebrush), Jacaranda, Tabebuia will show their colors.

BALDWIN BONANZA CHAIRMAN NAMED

Los Vols volunteer and Foundation staff member Joan Malafronte will be general coordinator of the Baldwin Bonanza scheduled for May 3 and 4.

URBAN GARDENERS CAN LEARN TO USE PALETTE

The California Arboretum Foundation's horticultural education program, organized by Educational Specialist Wendy Sekovich, continues with the scheduling of three day long seminars which promises to take an undisciplined garden located in a boring landscape to compelling gardens of interest and color.

If the urban gardener does not understand the use of the palette and the hard, but satisfying work accompanying landscaping, he is doomed to stare at an empty canvas.

This need not be, since three separate seminars will be held at the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum with Seminar I scheduled February 8 (likely sold out as you read this), Seminar II, March 8, and Seminar III, April 5.

Seminar I will feature California Native Gardens, Rose Gardens, Illuminated Gardens and Scented Gardens.

Seminar II will dwell upon Shade Gardens, Grass Gardens and Perennial Gardens.

Seminar III will look at Indoor Gardens, Low Maintenance Gardens, English Container Gardens and Edible Gardens.

Each day's program will begin at 8:00 a.m. and conclude at 4:30 p.m. Each date is a Saturday. In order for the best instruction to take place the seminars are being limited to 100 people each.

Pre-registration is a must. Tickets for the full series of three will cost $115.00 for non-members and $90.00 for members. Individual seminars will cost $40.00 for non-members and $32.00 for members.

Those attending all three sessions will receive Certificates of Completion.

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Urban Gardeners

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To develop your theme garden, the Foundation has attracted some of Southern California's finest specialists to lecture and demonstrate their knowledge of bringing that quiet garden spot into your environment.

Such well known names as J. Michael Evans, horticulturalist, Clair G. Martin, III, rosarian/horticulturalist at the Huntington Botanical Gardens, Raymond Grenald, lighting consultant and Glenn Walker, herb specialist and professor at California State University at Long Beach will highlight the first Seminar.

Neil S. Weikel, cartographer, John Greenlee, landscape designer, Robert Cornell, landscape architect and Joseph Brosius, nurseryman, will share their knowledge at the second Seminar.

Nancy Westbrook, consultant, Jeffrey Hook, landscape architect, Pamela Ingram and Robert L. Rosebrock will tell the secrets of success in gardening in the third Seminar.

Spring Seminar, 1986, is another program designed for the plant and garden lover who wants to participate in horticulture at the more serious level.

These Seminars are a part of the Adult Education program of the California Arboretum Foundation.

California Arboretum Foundation, Inc.
Statement of Revenue and Expense
Year ended June 30, 1985

Revenues		
Gift Shop income	$84,874	
Special income projects	62,581	
Membership fees	60,990	
Location income	48,044	
Interest income	42,659	
Support services	19,758	
Coffee Shop	12,983	
Total		$331,889
Expenses		
Salaries	97,383	
Horticultural students	59,600	
Grounds Maintenance	58,927	
Educational activities	52,967	
Office costs	15,918	
Payroll taxes	10,679	
Las Voluntarias	5,316	
Other expenses	30,412	
Total		$331,202
Excess Revenues over Expenses		$ 687

NOTE: During the year certain "matching funds" were received from Los Angeles County and Foundation members. They have been and will be expended for capital improvements to your Arboretum.

BIRDS AND BIRDWATCHERS VISIT ARBORETUM

We get so wrapped up in the horticultural studies being carried out by our gardens we sometimes forget it is a bird refuge. The Arboretum is blessed with a large and even spectacular population of avians which changes with the days, seasons, and even hours.

More than 168 species of birds have been observed, including 16 species of ducks and geese during migration; 14 species of birds of prey of which 8 are resident; and 50 species of the family Emberizidae (warblers, sparrows, blackbirds, and orioles). Among the 168 species are 14 rare or endangered species which enjoy protection from predators, man, and even domestic pets that can seldom be obtained outside the sanctuary.

On the first Sunday of each month, Barbara Cohen leads a birdwalk starting at 8:00 a.m. from the gatehouse. Her interest in birds began years ago when she first saw a red-winged blackbird at the Arboretum and was enriched through a class, "Birds and the Environment", taught at the Arboretum in the 1970's by Robert Copper. "We bird the Arboretum," Barbara says, "to see change of species. We are interested not only in when our usual species come and go, but also in finding a rarity — birds that don't usually appear here, or are here at the wrong time."

Several years ago she discovered a willow flycatcher — the only record for this bird wintering in California. Barbara is aided in her efforts by a devoted core of nearly a dozen other birders which is supplemented on occasion by people from all over Southern California and beyond.

Last December 30, they banded together to participate in the 86th Annual Christmas Bird Count, sponsored by the National Audubon Society. This nationwide ritual involved tallying the numbers of birds of each species and provided an indication of how food supply, weather, predation, and environmental influences such as pollution affect the country's bird population.

"A family can have fun birdwatching," Barbara says, "since no special equipment is needed. A pair of binoculars adds to the enjoyment, but even good eyesight is not entirely essential since many birds can be identified by listening to their calls." She suggests a good field guide such as "Birds of North America" on sale at the Arboretum Gift Shop. Then pick up a "Bird List", a compilation of bird sightings at the Arboretum and walk through the various sections of the gardens to discover how many ducks, herons, hawks, and songbirds you can find.

CHINESE GET GARDEN ORIENTATION

Francis Ching, Director of the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum has announced the beginning of a plant exchange with China.

The exchange will begin this summer with the visit of the director of the Canton Gardens. Later, two horticultural students from Shanghai Gardens will visit.

ANYONE KNOW AN OLD ROSE?

The Rose Garden beside the Hugo Reid Adobe contains rose bushes of the type featured in Grandma's day. Many are varieties over 100 years old.

LUCKY BALDWIN SHIPS CITRUS, 1880

Southern Pacific's San Gabriel Stationmaster listed Lucky Baldwin's orange shipments as 591 boxes.

Baldwin, according to the report owned 14,700 trees.

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 9 and 10 — 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. — Ayres Hall
CAMELLIA SHOW. The Temple City Camellia Society will hold its annual show in Ayres Hall. Judging will be held Saturday morning and amateur growers with clean, well grown blooms are encouraged to enter. Society members will describe the craft of growing and caring for camellias through the two-day show and sign up new members.

FEBRUARY 23 — 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. — Ayres Hall
1 p.m. to 4 p.m. — Lecture Hall
MYCOLOGICAL SOCIETY. Lectures on mushrooms hunting and identification all afternoon in lecture Hall. Cooking demonstration (no food tasting or sales) during show hours and books and poster of mushrooms for sale in Ayres Hall.

MARCH 6 — 11:30 am. to 5:30 p.m. — Santa Anita Race Track
DAY AT THE RACES. A fun fund-raising event sponsored by the California Arboretum Foundation. Tickets $5.00 on sale at Foundation Office. For more information call 818-447-8207.
MARCH 15 — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Ayres Hall
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FAIR. The sixth annual Environmental Education Fair will feature exhibits by Southland governmental agencies, utilities, colleges and universities. Other organizations specializing in nature awareness, wildlife preservation and ecological concerns will be represented as well. The exhibits strongly emphasize a "hands on" approach which helps teach children about the "natural" world around them. Teams of junior and senior high school students will roam the 127-acre Arboretum grounds searching for ecological clues that will help them win one of several useful prizes in the Ecological Treasure Hunt. Elementary school children will compete in the Nature Bowl, a pint-sized game show with the emphasis on science and our environment. All students under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

MARCH 21 thru 23 — noon to 4:30 p.m. Friday
9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday
ORCHID SHOW. Thousands of orchid plants will be arranged into fantasy garden in Ayres Hall when members of 14 Southern California orchid societies unite for the Southland Orchid Show. Arrangements and corsages will also be featured. Private and commercial growers' finest examples will be exhibited. Commercial growers will also be present to sell their orchids.

MARCH 29, 30 —
1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday — Ayres Hall
9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday
IRIS SHOW. More than 300 individual displays featuring thousands of specialty iris highlight this year's annual aril iris show sponsored by the Aril Society International. Members will be present throughout the two-day event to answer questions and recruit new members.

THE PROMISE OF SPRING

by
Wendy Sekovich

Spring is just around the corner and gardening chores will soon start to grow as fast as the plants. It's been nice having a few months to relax in front of the fire and catch up with all of the colorful plant catalogs that have been collecting dust on my coffee table. Now it's time to stop dreaming of cherry blossoms, flowering dogwood and peonies and get back to practical Southern California gardening.

Since most of our plants are still in their dormant winter stage, I can concentrate on some preventative maintenance that will pay off later in the season when my garden is in full bloom. I have finished my bare root planting, pruned the roses and deciduous fruit trees and this weekend I will give them all a coat of dormant plant spray. I never used to take the trouble to spray these barren plants, but I've learned it cuts down on overwintering diseases and makes maintenance easier later on.

The most important thing I can do for my garden in March is fertilize everything. As the new growth starts, the nutritional boost will give the hungry trees and shrubs additional strength and turn my brown lawn into a luscious green carpet. I'll also take time to look for some new varieties of camellias and azaleas. Most are in full bloom now at the nurseries and can be chosen for flower color and form.

The best part about this time of the year is the increase in "houseplants". They're not really houseplants, they're little seedlings that are clustered around all of my windows where they will gather strength before being moved to a permanent position in the garden. I have found I can get a wider selection of flowers and vegetables if I grow them from seed. On dreary winter days, when the weather won't let me putter around outside, I can fill the kitchen counter with potting soil, put on a little Beethoven and dream of bushels of vegetables and baskets of fresh cut flowers.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!!

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YOUR FRIENDS FOR A
FUN FUND RAISING DAY!!!!!

OUTDOOR TEA SIPPED

An article in Garden magazine entitled "Tea Alfresco" says in the 1700's in and about London tea was drunk in romantic outdoor gardens.

Tea gardens offered country places in an urban setting.

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